

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Communication mailed October 5, 2004. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 16-21 are pending. Claims 1-15 have been cancelled. Claims 16-21 have been added, and contain language that is more typical of United States patent practice. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed and there is no new matter added as a consequence of the addition of the new claims.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement and requires selection of one of four groups of claims for prosecution in this application. The Examiner has now placed the pending claims into the following groups:

Group I: claims 1-5, 7-10, drawn to compositions comprising a neuraminidase enzyme;

Group II: claims 1-10, drawn to compositions comprising a trans-sialidase enzyme;

Group III: claims 1-10, drawn to compositions comprising a neuraminidase/trans-sialidase enzymes;

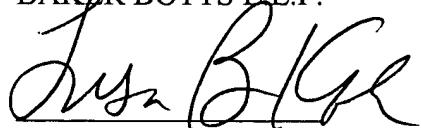
Group IV: claims 11-15, drawn to methods of treating cell proliferation using trans-sialidase comprising compositions.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to pursue the claims of Group IV, drawn to methods of treating undesirable cell proliferation. This election is made without traverse, and without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of

non-elected and cancelled claims in other patent applications. Applicants submit that new claims 16-21, directed to methods for treating mycoplasma infection, should be placed in Group IV and request examination of pending claims 16-21.

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